

Walsh Warren Wicker
Warner Whitehouse Wyden

NOT VOTING—5

Chambliss Landrieu Vitter
Hagan Levin

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON SANNES NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Sannes nomination.

Mr. REID. I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, all time is yielded back.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 289 Ex.]

YEAS—96

Alexander	Franken	Murkowski
Ayotte	Gillibrand	Murphy
Baldwin	Graham	Murray
Barrasso	Grassley	Nelson
Begich	Harkin	Paul
Bennet	Hatch	Portman
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Pryor
Blunt	Heitkamp	Reed
Booker	Heller	Reid
Boozman	Hirono	Risch
Boxer	Hoeven	Roberts
Brown	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Burr	Isakson	Rubio
Cantwell	Johanns	Sanders
Cardin	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Carper	Johnson (WI)	Schumer
Casey	Kaine	Scott
Coats	King	Sessions
Coburn	Kirk	Shaheen
Cochran	Klobuchar	Shelby
Collins	Leahy	Stabenow
Coons	Lee	Tester
Corker	Levin	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Toomey
Crapo	Markey	Udall (CO)
Cruz	McCain	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	McCaskill	Walsh
Durbin	McConnell	Warner
Enzi	Menendez	Warren
Feinstein	Merkley	Whitehouse
Fischer	Mikulski	Wicker
Flake	Moran	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Chambliss Landrieu
Hagan Vitter

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON ARLEO NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 min-

utes of debate prior to the vote on the Arleo nomination.

Mrs. BOXER. I ask unanimous consent to yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON BEETLESTONE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Beetlestone nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON BOLDEN NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Bolden nomination.

Mr. CARPER. I ask unanimous consent to yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

Mr. ISAKSON. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut?

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 290 Ex.]

YEAS—49

Baldwin	Durbin	McCaskill
Begich	Feinstein	Menendez
Bennet	Franken	Merkley
Blumenthal	Gillibrand	Mikulski
Booker	Harkin	Murphy
Boxer	Hirono	Murray
Brown	Johnson (SD)	Nelson
Cantwell	Kaine	Pryor
Cardin	King	Reed
Carper	Klobuchar	Reid
Casey	Leahy	Rockefeller
Coons	Levin	Sanders
Donnelly	Markey	Schatz

Schumer	Udall (NM)	Whitehouse
Shaheen	Walsh	Wyden
Stabenow	Warner	
Udall (CO)	Warren	

NAYS—46

Alexander	Graham	Moran
Ayotte	Grassley	Murkowski
Barrasso	Hatch	Paul
Blunt	Heinrich	Portman
Boozman	Heitkamp	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Coats	Hoeven	Rubio
Coburn	Inhofe	Scott
Cochran	Isakson	Sessions
Collins	Johanns	Shelby
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Tester
Cornyn	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Toomey
Enzi	Manchin	Wicker
Fischer	McCain	
Flake	McConnell	

NOT VOTING—5

Chambliss Hagan Vitter
Cruz Landrieu

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

NOMINATION OF JAMES D. PETTIT, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

NOMINATION OF PAMELA LEORA SPRATLEN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

NOMINATION OF TAMARA WENDA ASHFORD TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS

NOMINATION OF L. PAIGE MARVEL TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS

NOMINATION OF CARY DOUGLAS PUGH TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS

NOMINATION OF RAMIN TOLOUI TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

NOMINATION OF LISA AFUA SERWAH MENSAH TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOMINATION OF GEORGE ALBERT KROL, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

NOMINATION OF LUIS G. MORENO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAMAICA

NOMINATION OF DONALD LU, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

NOMINATION OF BRENT ROBERT HARTLEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

ROBERT M. SPEER TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN). Under the previous order, the Senate will consider the following nominations, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nominations of James D. Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova; Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan; Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years; L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen

years; Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years; Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury; Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan; Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica; Donald Lu, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania; Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia; and Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

VOTE ON PETTIT NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN). Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Pettit nomination.

Mr. MENENDEZ. I yield back all time on the nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of James D. Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON SPRATLEN NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON ASHFORD NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON MARVEL NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON PUGH NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON TOLOUI NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON MENSAH NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON KROL NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON MORENO NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON LU NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Donald Lu, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON HARTLEY NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON SPEER NOMINATION
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

MARVEL NOMINATION

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I would like to say a few words of congratulations to these nominees and particularly to Judge Paige Marvel, a great Marylander, on her reappointment to the Tax Court.

As we know, the Tax Court serves a crucial role in this country's tax system. It is a highly specialized court that provides an important forum in which taxpayers can dispute determinations by the IRS. Tax Court judges have the difficult task of ably and fairly analyzing the highly technical legal issues that arise under our complex tax code.

At the close of Judge Marvel's first term on the U.S. Tax Court, I was a strong supporter of her reappointment, and I am an equally strong supporter of her confirmation. Judge Marvel has served on the court with distinction, and it is in the best interests of this country to keep someone with her integrity and expertise on the Tax Court bench. This integrity and expertise was also apparent prior to Judge Marvel's assumption of her current office. I worked extensively with her on a variety of issues when I served in the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

My colleagues on the Finance Committee, including Chairman WYDEN and Ranking Member HATCH, have worked hard and in a bipartisan manner to bring these nominations forward, for which I am grateful. And, I am extremely proud that a fellow Marylander has been nominated to continue the important work of fairly interpreting and applying our tax laws, which affect the lives of every American citizen and resident.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

The Senator from New Jersey.

REPRESENTING OUR COUNTRY ABROAD

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, very briefly, I appreciate working on both sides to be able to have what is a distinguished set of career ambassadors go to their posts and represent our country abroad, and I hope we can continue on this march as we move toward the end of the session.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

HONORING GOVERNOR DAVE HEINEMAN

Mr. JOHANNIS. Madam President, I rise today to honor the service of a

dedicated leader in my home State of Nebraska.

Governor Dave Heineman has guided our State during the past 10 years with vision and with laser-like focus on efficient government, economic vibrancy, education, and protecting our families.

Under his leadership and careful management, our State held strong through the economic downturn. During that time, the national spotlight shown very brightly on Nebraska as one of the healthiest States, guided by Dave Heineman's very steady hand, to ensure we remain debt-free and fiscally sound. But the Governor did far more than hold the line on spending and balancing the books of our great State. He provided historic tax relief, bolstered education in our State, and he sent a signal worldwide that Nebraska welcomes new business through enhanced economic development incentives. It is not surprising that Nebraskans' enthusiastically elected and then reelected Dave Heineman to the post, giving him the proud distinction of being our longest serving Governor in the history of our State.

I had the privilege of working side by side with Dave Heineman back in my days as Governor of Nebraska. I was so proud to have him as my Lieutenant Governor in my second term, and I was always grateful for the job he did directing the State's homeland security efforts.

We would have to flip the history books back to 1990, nearly 25 years ago, to see when he was first elected to public office as a member of the Fremont, NE, city council. Four years later, he was elected to his first statewide office to serve as our State treasurer. I was mayor of the city of Lincoln at the time, and I enjoyed watching Dave step onto the statewide stage with enthusiasm and determination. He wanted to get things done.

Nebraskans would nod their head in agreement with the assertion that he remains as determined today, in the last days of his time in office, as the very first day he walked in.

I should note he first served the public as a member of our Armed Forces, having spent 5 years in the U.S. Army after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. As anyone can tell you, it is easy to spot those West Point influences even today. All of those experiences prepared him so well to serve as our Governor. I had absolutely no doubt about his ability to step into the role when I was confirmed as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. I passed the baton to Dave with immense confidence, and indeed he took the helm and never missed a beat. It is difficult to believe that was 10 years ago. I think both of us have a lot more gray hair to show for it, but we also have something more valuable than gold: the honor of having been entrusted to lead and to serve the best State of the United States. I know Governor Heineman has worked each day to prove worthy of that trust, as I have

also. His nearly 25 years of distinguished service required strength of character and fortitude.

Throughout that service and long before it began, Dave has had a wonderful partner in his life, Sally Ganem. Our First Lady is impressive and accomplished. She is a woman in her own right, having served as principal of an elementary school and now leading numerous volunteer and literacy efforts. She has supported Dave every step of the way on a public service journey that offers a shining example for others to follow. Thus, it is fitting that we have never before had a Governor whose service spans 10 years, and we may never have that again.

On behalf of a grateful State and a grateful nation, I offer my sincerest gratitude for the dedicated leadership Governor Heineman has provided to our great State of Nebraska.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. INHOFE. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. INHOFE. Tonight there will be a speech. I think everyone is aware of that. I think we all know pretty much what the President of the United States is going to say.

I would like to read the oath of office that any President of the United States has to take, and this President has taken this oath in an affirmative way for—I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. Tonight we have the President's speech, and I would like to recite one more time what every President has to say and has to affirm before he becomes President.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute the Office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

I think people are overlooking this because they know what to expect tonight. They know what is going to happen. They know the President is going to do something that in the eyes of most people—and I have to say that most of the people I talk to are from my State of Oklahoma. They have a lot of common sense and ask the question: Is this illegal, what we are about to witness?

The President is bound by the Constitution to ensure the laws on the books are being carried out in a manner that is true to the law that is written and passed by Congress. It is his duty, his obligation. That was envisioned by our Founding Fathers.